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Rain abates, softball teams return to fields for company-level play

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Post club hosts first trail ride, with pony tricks, food and music to boot

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Around The Army

Korea:

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported June 16 that a group of Yangju residents will continue a sit-in at the site of a fatal traffic accident involving a U.S. military vehicle until an investigation concludes.

Kang Hong-gu, head of the 160-person Tongducheon Civil Association, said the group began protesting minutes after an Army 2.5-ton truck hit and killed a 51-year-old woman who was pulling a yogurt cart down Peace Street on a Friday afternoon.

Kang said he's tired of U.S. military promises that officials will work to avoid accidents. He wants U.S. leaders to "take substantial measures" and "stick to them."

For more on this story and other news about U.S. forces in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.estrises.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported June 2 that students at School Age Services got a glimpse into what makes rocket ships go - albeit with two-liter bottles and compressed air.

James Woods, a seventh-grade science teacher at Radcliff Middle School, brought his class work to post to demonstrate scientific principles such as lift, gravity and force.

The demonstration showed kids age 5 to 11 how to build and launch rockets made with household items, such as plastic bottles, glue and electrical tape.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thewheelnewscenter.com/turret/ on the Web.

Fort Eustis:

The Wheel reported June 9 that the Barracks Improvement Program at Fort Eustis and Fort Story recently received \$3.2 million from the Department of the Army to get less-than-adequate barracks up to the standards needed for Soldiers living in them.

Eight barracks buildings in Eustis' 800 block and rooms will be renovated, said Trent Spencer, Department of Public Works director.

In addition, some of the money will be spent cleaning up mold in rooms at Story's recently renovated barracks.

The funds were acquired under an Installation Management Agency program that is investing \$250 million in the Army's substandard barracks this year.

For more on this story and other Fort Eustis news, visit www.militarynews.com/wheel/ on the Web.

Fort Stewart:

The Frontline reported recently that members of the 4th Battalion, 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, were trained in combat medic skills during classes held May 2-5 in Taji, Iraq.

"The attitudes have been great," said Col. John J. Lamie, family practice physician, 550th Medical Company, Division Support Brigade.

For more on this story and other Fort Stewart news, visit www.2wire.com/site/news.cfm?brd=1390 on the Web.

Helicopter crews aim to qualify

National Guard Apache unit returns for annual training, gunnery 'tables'

By Jennifer Whipple
19th PAD

A blistering hot morning sun reddened the faces of anyone who stepped out on overlook of the Multi-Purpose Range Complex

control tower June 7.

A few clouds floated in a brilliant blue sky standing on the horizon of tall green trees and a shimmering lake.

Far in the distance, four pea-sized dots swam in the azure sky, buzzing like large bees.

The approaching "bees" transformed into roaring Apache helicopters sent to Fort Riley from the 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation, Counterattack National Guard and Reserve unit based at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

Their mission: conduct annual

training, including day and night crew gunnery qualification.

The unit sent six helicopters to Fort Riley last summer for similar, but this is the first time Soldiers are qualifying, said Staff Sgt. John Olas, assistant aviation

officer.

Olas, a Warrensburg, Mo., native, said the pilots fire on eight tables (target configurations) to qualify. The four, two-person crews include Soldiers of differ-

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Picture perfect



Sara Elmer passes her daughter Alexis to Sgt. Joshua Elmer so grandma Jeanne Bridgewater (left) can take a photo of him holding the baby that was born while he was in Iraq. The family greeted Elmer at Fort Riley June 12 upon his return with other Soldiers of Task Force 1-41.

Post/Heronemus

Brigade patrol assists ill child

Youngster asks 13th Armor patrol for help

By Kevin Bromley
100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq - Patrolling 3rd Brigade Soldiers helped a young Iraqi boy get the emergency treatment he needed on the night of June 5.

The young Iraqi boy approached the 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, patrol as it passed through his village near Camp Taji.

"I was at home when the American convoy came ... I showed them my wounds," the boy said.

The father said he knew the Soldiers would help his ailing son.

"The Americans showed a lot of interest, and they wanted to help him when they saw his condition," the father said.

The Soldiers examined the young boy and determined that his condition was serious enough to warrant hospitalization.

"Our medics examined the boy and noticed an apple-sized portion of intestine protruding from his abdomen. They said if he didn't get to a hospital soon he could die," said Sgt. Joshua Jenkins of the 70th Engineer Battalion assigned to Task Force 1-13.

The U.S. Soldiers transported the child and his father to Al Taji Military Clinic for treatment.

"We've been working in the area for awhile and talking to all of the children. I guess he came to us because he trusted us. Maybe he felt we would give him more help than they could back there," Jenkins said.

The doctors examined the boy and found that he had a long-standing history of intestinal disorders that required three surgeries in as many years. The infection was the result of an ulcer that developed around a recent colostomy.

Iraqi Army doctors kept the boy overnight and then transported him to a hospital in Baghdad for further observation and medical treatment.

Task Force 1-41 returns from 'war'

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

Smiling and crying family members, friends, fellow Soldiers and civilian well-wishers from adjacent communities greeted Soldiers of Task Force 1-41 when they returned to Fort Riley June 12-14. The 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry's, small advance party arrived at Fort Riley June 2. The majority of the task force, which included Company C, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, and Detachment D, 125th Forward Support Battalion, arrived in two groups totaling about 270 Soldiers June 12 and a third group of about 240 Soldiers June 13.

The battalion's colors and command staff returned June 14.

Signs painted on private vehicles parked outside Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Airfield, hung inside the hangar and held high by family members sitting on metal bleachers decorated all four homecomings with the brightly colored sentiments families eagerly shared publicly for their "heroes," as many signs proclaimed these Soldiers to be.

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A Soldier's loved one waves a sign showing him where she's waiting during a welcome home ceremony June 12 for members of Task Force 1-41. Four ceremonies welcomed the Soldiers home June 12, 13 and 14 from a yearlong deployment to Iraq.

Post/Heronemus



Lt. Col. Dave Batchelor, commander of the 1st Bn., 41st Inf., salutes while the National Anthem is played at the June 14 redeployment ceremony.

Post/Blackmon

Sergeant convicted of murdering two Soldiers

Sentence sends Soldier to prison for life without opportunity for parole

Staff report

A general court martial panel found a Fort Riley sergeant guilty of two counts of premeditated murder June 10 and sentenced him to life in prison without parole June 11 after 8 1/2 hours of

deliberation.

Sgt. Aaron Stanley, 23, was convicted of shooting Staff Sgt. Matt Werner, 30, and Spec. Chris Hymer, 23, in an encounter Sept. 13 at a Clay County farmhouse. The eight-person panel found Stanley not guilty of conspiracy to commit murder.

Stanley will be reprimanded, reduced to private, forfeit all pay and allowances and be dishonorably discharged from the Army. He will be incarcerated immediately at the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

He received the maximum sentence sought by prosecutors at the

beginning June 10 sentencing phase of the five-day trial at Fort Riley.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, who is the general court martial convening authority, will either approve the panel's

findings or grant clemency.

Lt. Col. David Welloney, deputy staff judge advocate at Fort Riley, said general courts martial are seldom overturned and it will probably take at least 60 days for the SJA's office to pre-

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Air defense battery cases colors upon inactivation

Staff report

History, honors and pride went to sleep at Fort Riley June 9 as the commander and first sergeant of Battery C, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, furlled and cased the battery's colors.

The 1st Infantry Division battery formally inactivated during a ceremony in front of the unit's barracks on Custer Hill as the unit's remaining Soldiers and stand-ins for Soldiers already departed stood in formation.

The battery's Soldiers have been reassigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, and other Fort Riley units or placed on recruitment duty, the company commander said.

Family members, including some young children, and fellow 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers sat in the audience. Others stood as a condensed unit history was read and Col. Bart Howard, 1st Bde. commander, and Capt. Jason Lauer, battery commander, offered remarks.

The "Crossbow" battery traces its history to the field artillery of more than 200 years ago. The 3rd Company, 4th Bn., 3rd Regiment of Artillerists and Engineers, organized Aug. 7, 1794, at West Point, N.Y.

The regiment moved into Fort Kearny, Neb., in the War of 1812, to defend the Nebraska Territory, including the Oregon and Mormon Trails. It also defended the Oregon and Washington Territo-

ries against the Apache, Cheyenne and Ute Indians and deployed to the southeastern United States to participate in the Indian War campaigns against the Seminoles.

The regiment earned Civil War honors for service at Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Antietam. Battery B, 3rd Regiment of the U.S. Artillery, represents the earliest historical link to Btry. C.

Btry. B artillerymen distinguished themselves by pounding Gen. George Pickett's forces July 3, 1863, during what has become known as "the infamous Pickett's Charge."

After the Civil War, the regiment earned honors for its efforts in the Chinese Relief Expedition and the invasion of Puerto Rico and capture of San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American War.

It took part in the Philippine Insurrection in 1899 and in the defeat of Pancho Villa during the Mexican War.

The regiment later was reorganized and served in various capacities as part of the United States' Coast Artillery until March 9, 1942, when its elements again reorganized to fight in World War II.

The regiment's batteries protected fleet bases, defeated naval and air attacks against cities and harbors and provided beach defense and mine-planter service in that war.

The regiment's Soldiers served in North Africa, Ardennes-Alsace,

Rome-Arno, Anzio, Sicily, Omaha Beach, the Battle of the Bulge and other battles with Japan on the Far East front.

The regiment earned two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations during the Korean War. One was for service at Uijong Bu from April 18 to May 11, 1951. The second was for service in the "Iron Triangle" June 10-14, 1951.

The reorganization of several units into the 3rd Artillery preaged the unit's deployment to Vietnam in 1965 to halt the expansion of communism.

On Sept. 1, 1971, the Army redesignated the 3rd Artillery as the 3rd Air Defense Artillery. The 4th Bn., 3rd ADA, activated at Larson Barracks in Kitzingen, Germany, on July 30, 1989. In July 1995, Btry. A, 4th Bn., 3rd ADA, became Btry. C stationed at Fort Riley.

In September 2004, Btry. C deployed with the 1st Bde., 1st Inf. Div., in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Its Soldiers spent a year fighting insurgents in Ramadi and throughout a 400-square-kilometer area of the Al Anbar Province as part of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st Marine Division.



Post/Heronemus

Capt. Jason Lauer (left), commander of Btry. C, 4th Bn., 3rd ADA, and battery first sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Jerry R. Woodley, roll the unit's colors and prepare to case them at an inactivation ceremony June 10 in front of the battery's barracks. The guidon bearer is Spc. Edwin Hunt.

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Post news in brief

IACH offers loss support

Irwin Army Community Hospital recognizes that the loss of an infant is a life changing event for parents and has begun to incorporate the Resource Through Sharing Bereavement Services into its range of services.

The Perinatal Loss Support Group is open to parents whose lives have been touched by the death of a baby from conception to shortly after birth. The goal of the group is to provide services to families who impart on the long and difficult road to recovery in dealing with the loss of their child.

Facilitated by social workers, registered nurses and chaplains, the group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month in the Education Professional Development Division classroom on the fourth floor of the hospital.

For more information, call Elizabeth Gray at 239-7681.

Drinking water report available

Fort Riley's annual consumer confidence report shows the post's drinking water met or surpassed all federal and state drinking water regulations in 2004.

The report is posted on the Internet at www.riley.army.mil. On the post's homepage, follow the link to Services, Fort Riley Services and then to the Environment page. That page will have a link that will display the 2004 report.

The report provides information on the type and name of the water source; information on contaminants, including a mandatory monitoring list; information on detected regulated or unregulated contaminants; any violations associated with monitoring and reporting; and additional health information for immuno-compromised individuals.

For more information about Fort Riley's report, consumers can call the Environmental Division Drinking Water Program Manager at 239-2630.

Toastmasters seek members

Old Bill's Toastmasters will sponsor an open house from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 23 at Rally Point's conference room. Current Old Bill Toastmasters will provide new membership information packets, outline member benefits, offer tips on public speaking and will run a mock meeting.

For more information and directions to the meeting location call Jim Hill at (785) 761-1130.

Apaches

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ent ranks who are at readiness levels for flying, Olas said.

"These are mission trained aircrews," said Maj. Charles D. Hausman, an Apache pilot and the officer in charge of the range. "Most of the tables are to familiarize the Soldiers with their environments, table five being a written test and seven and eight being the qualification course," he said.

Crews fire day, night missions

"These Soldiers have to fire during the day and night using different types of ammunition," Olas said. "They fire 30mm rounds, 2.75-inch rockets and simulated Hellfire missiles ... while hovering, diving and running."

The Apaches can carry up to 1,200 30mm rounds and 19 2.75-inch rockets in each pod, and 16 Hellfire missiles on four rail launchers.

Hausman, a St. Joseph, Mo., native, said the pilots have 12 engagements to complete successfully and must qualify on at least eight of them. They will fire four 30mm rounds, four 2.75-inch rockets and four simulated Hellfire missiles, he said.

The pilots must fly from the forward arming and refueling point to the qualification course, fire their rounds and then return,

Olas said.

"The targets these pilots are firing upon range anywhere from 920 meters to 3,500 meters, and they have between 22 and 60 seconds to engage targets," he said.

Pilots are authorized to run through the course as a practice run and then attempt to qualify the second time around, Hausman said.

Soldiers are required to qualify annually on courses like the one at Fort Riley's MPRC, Hausman said.

"I feel the training is going really well today (June 7). The pilots are getting their pace and they feel pretty comfortable," he said.

First crew's run went 'well'

Maj. Thomas J. Burson, battalion commander and an Apache pilot, and Chief Warrant Officer Peyton Supernaw, battalion maintenance officer, were the first to fly the course.

"Our run went really well," Burson, a Maryville, Mo., native, said. "Everything went smoothly, and the weather is cooperating. We qualified 11 out of 12 engagements."

"It's my first time flying this range and I think it is great," said Supernaw, a Harrisonville, Mo., native.



Above: Soldiers of 1st Bn., 135th Aviation, prepare an AH-64A Apache helicopter to be loaded with 2.75-inch rockets for the next qualification run on the range at Fort Riley. 19th PAD/Whipple



At left: Maj. Thomas J. Burson and Chief Warrant Officer Peyton of 1st Bn., 135th Aviation, fire a rocket from their Apache during a qualification run on the range at Fort Riley June 7. 19th PAD/Whipple

Court martial

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pare the court martial documents for Hardy's review and for him to make his decision.

The severity of the sentence also means the case automatically moves to the military court of appeals for review if Hardy approves the court martial findings.

Stanley's case would be eligible for review by the secretary of the Army 10 years after his jail sentence begins.

He received credit for the more than 200 days he has already spent in jail since being arrested in Clay County for the crime.

Should the secretary of the Army grant clemency upon

review of Stanley's case, Stanley would be eligible for parole 10 years later.

All the Soldiers involved in the murder case were members of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, when the shooting occurred.

The case involved drugs and Werner's accusation that Stanley had been sleeping with his wife.

Stanley pleaded guilty the first day of the trial to wrongful possession with intent to distribute marijuana, wrongful use and distribution of methamphetamines, when his court martial is conducted in a few weeks, Velloney said.

Stanley is the first Soldier to face a Fort Riley court martial for murder in more than five years, Velloney said.

Sgt. Eric Colvin was initially

charged with conspiracy to commit murder and multiple drug charges in the same case. He agreed to testify against Stanley as part of a deal he made with prosecutors two weeks before Stanley's court martial began.

As part of his deal, Colvin is expected to plead guilty to wrongful possession with intent to distribute marijuana, wrongful distribution of methamphetamines and wrongful use of methamphetamines, when his court martial is conducted in a few weeks, Velloney said.

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100th MPAD/Bromley

Street business

Sgt. Chris Ford (left front) of 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, and patroling with members of 4th Bn., 1st Field Artillery, and Sgt. 1st Class Tom Roach of 1st Bn., 151st FA, patrol a market in Taji, Iraq, during an economic survey performed by Team 4, Company B, 403rd Civil Affairs Bn.



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Retired Soldier James Alter stoops to get a close look at photos printed in the Fort Riley newspaper as he and Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Leggett of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, look at the historical display at a special ceremony hosted by the Big Red One's 1st Bde.

Remembering 1965

The 1st Brigade staff invited 1st Infantry Division veterans of the Vietnam War to the ceremony June 9 at Riley's Convention Center commemorating the Big Red One's invasion of Vietnam at Cam Ranh Bay and Vung Tau on July 12, 1965.

The 2nd Brigade made that assault. By Nov. 1, 1965, the entire division, under the command of Maj. Gen. Jonathan Seaman, was operational in-country.

The celebration at Fort Riley honored the division's veterans and the war history of the 1st Inf. Div., but especially its role in the Vietnam War.

The Big Red One earned ribbons for 11 campaigns in Vietnam, including the Tet Counteroffensive early in the war and the Tet 69 Counteroffensive later.

The division colors include three steamers awarded with the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. The first steamer is embroidered with "Vietnam 1965-1968," the second with "Vietnam 1969-1970" and the third with "Vietnam 1965-1970."

Guest speaker for the occasion was retired Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Rhome, who served as a company commander with the Big Red One in Vietnam and later served as its commanding general, leading it from Fort Riley into Operation Desert Storm to free Kuwait.

Rhome recalled the individual sacrifices of three of his Soldiers, explaining that they symbolized the type of service all 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers gave to their country during the Vietnam War.



Post/Heronemus

Phil Duncan (left), a 1st Inf. Div. veteran who lives in Kansas City, Mo., talks with other veterans of the Big Red One, John Gould (center) of St. Louis, Mo., and Paul Frampton of Shawnee, Kan.

At the close of the ceremony, representatives of the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, Family Readiness Group presented Rhome with a \$1,000 donation to the 1st Division Association scholarship fund.

The fund is used to pay tuition for children of 1st Div. Soldiers killed in battle. Rhome said, adding that about 40 children have benefited from "full ride" college scholarships, thanks to the association.

13th Armor, Iraqi battalion comb area

Rural search finds nothing, develops intelligence leads

By Matthew Wester

100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq — American "Humvees" took up positions on both sides of a dirt road two hours before dawn May 28.

Iraqi Soldiers streamed from the back of a truck, following the glow of their squad leader's chemical light.

They ran in a column, preparing to search a house.

The palm grove across from the house would be searched next. The troops were determined to scour the entire area for illegal munitions and insurgents.

Elements of 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, and the Iraqi Army's 5th Battalion cordoned and searched a rural area near Taji that day.

"The purpose of the operation was to search suspected locations where anti-Iraqi forces construct vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices or improvised explosive devices," said Capt. Charles Querriera, commander of Company B, 1st Bn., 13th Armor.

"We are contributing to the larger effort of disrupting AIF operations," he said.

"It's a collective operation with the American forces," said the operations officer for the 5th Bn. "Now we control this area and will follow the terrorists wherever they are."

"We're trying to incorporate the Iraqi Army into our operations so they can get experience in conducting these operations," said Staff Sgt. Michael D. Schnurr, a tank commander for 1st Bn., 13th Armor, and a Johnstown, Pa., native.



100th MPAD/Wester

Lt. Col. Eric Wesley, commander of 1st Bn., 13th Armor, is briefed on the progress of a cordon and search mission May 28. Elements of Wesley's battalion and the Iraqi Army's 5th Bn. found no munitions or insurgents during their search of a rural area near Taji.

"The Iraqi Army is building trust with the Iraqi people," he said. "They're getting out there and experiencing the security techniques and measures they need to take back this country."

Iraqi citizens showed their trust in the 5th Bn. by supplying them intelligence about the activities of terrorists in the area, the Iraqi operations officer said.

Local information sources help coalition

"We have some local sources who deal with us because they refuse to have the terrorists here," he said. "They are cooperating with the Iraqi Army to get rid of and eliminate the terrorists."

The local people are mostly farmers, and the combined force

Schnurr said. "This is where tankers and infantry make their business, out here in the rural areas."

After a thorough search of the farms and fields, the Iraqi and American troops rallied at the edges of the cordon area.

Curious kids watched from the road as the Soldiers headed back to their vehicles in the mid-morning heat.

Although no weapons were found or detainees taken during the operation, valuable information was gathered which can be used in the future, the company commander said.

"After the operation, we were able, through the Iraqi Army, to gather intelligence on other suspects and locations of other possible weapons caches," Querriera said.

New intelligence may lead to searches

"The intelligence gathered will most likely lead to future search operations, and I hope the Iraqi Army come along," he said.

The Soldiers of Co. B would welcome that, he continued.

"My Soldiers and I enjoy working with the Iraqi Army," Querriera said. "They know when something isn't right before you do, so they are our own early warning system. Even my guys feel better having them with us."

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What is the most reckless thing you've seen a person do while they were driving?



"We had somebody who had been drinking and driving and they hit one of the barriers."

Pfc. Bill Bracha
190th Field Artillery
(MP Provisional)
Home: Lewistown, Mont.



"Someone was going almost 90 miles an hour in the on-coming lane, directly towards me on K-18."

Michael Lawrie
PX employee and ABC taxi driver
Home: Boston, Mass.



"I see a lot of people without their headlights on when it's rainy or foggy."

Jason Miller
Golf Course Gardener
Home: Junction City, Kan.



"It was a family dispute in Colyer Manor. Two cars were heading the same direction, traveling about 25 miles per hour, blocking both lanes."

Spc. Wayne Moore
Troop D, 4th Cavalry
Home: Portland, Ore.



"(On) The new traffic circles. Maybe there should be a class to teach people the rules of etiquette."

Stephanie Verbaeg
PX vender
Home: Saratoga, N.Y.

Next week's question:

What does "service to country" mean to you? Is service to country limited to military service?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Editor's note: The following comments were made by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, while speaking to reporters June 6 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and reported by American Forces Press Service writer Jim Garamone.

The media ought to focus on the very real, vicious acts of violent extremists and not on vague allegations of Kwan abuse. The press in general seems to relish always emphasizing the negative.

One frustration of defense officials is that it always takes a long time to get the facts.



Gen. Richard Myers

The recent Newsweek piece alleging that guards in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, had flushed a Koran down a toilet relied on an anonymous source. Checking it out required

DoD to sort through more than 1.6 million documents and long hours of studying and verifying the facts. But the damage to American prestige had been done

by the time U.S. officials could conclude there were isolated cases of Koran abuse — none of which involved flushing the Muslim holy book down a commode.

People should contrast that with the enemy's conduct on a daily basis? And what does the press report about the enemy? On a daily basis in Iraq, what the enemy does is kill innocent men, women and children.

Jordanian-born extremist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi said that he would kill innocents to try to spark a civil war between Sunnis and Shiias. Extremists under his

direction have launched some of the bloodiest attacks in Iraq. Zarqawi and his henchmen have chopped off their victims' heads and put the murders on the Internet for the world to see.

That's abhorrent behavior. That's what the press ought to be focused on — not a couple of incidents where an overzealous guard or interrogator abused a Koran.

Even in the few cases where Koran abuse is found, America will investigate and punish those found responsible under the rule of law.

The first time you hear a story, you ought not to assume the worst.

Letters to the editor

Former Soldier, Soldier's family grateful

Soldiers, NCOs and officers of Fort Riley, yours is a mission few undertake or may even turn their back on. The uniform you wear carries tradition, pride, courage and sacrifice.

Every day is never an easy day. Every night is a long one. Your rewards are few and sacrifices are many. Still, you step forward and charge into missions and dangers without a second thought. You

share thoughts, ideas, pictures, letters, joys and pains.

This family of which you are part is like no other on Earth. Men and women from every corner of our borders become your brothers and sisters.

First-line supervisors become mentors, headaches and friends. Every day my family and I thank you for what you — so few — have done.

Never forget the faces you see within your ranks, never forget

the ones you see across camp and never forget where you come from.

I am proud to have served with you. I am proud to have shared the uniform with you. I have been and always will be proud to call you my brothers and my sisters.

Shannon Hogan
Installation Biochemical
Testing Coordinator
Fort Riley

I would like to say thank you to everyone who is serving our country to keep us safe.

My dad was stationed at Fort Riley when he was in the service. Since then I have always checked the Web page to see what was going on the base.

I would like to say thank you from my kids and my family. God bless. Stay safe.

Mariah Brady and kids
Gering, Neb.

Reason to celebrate

Juneteenth reminds us of emancipation

By S. Walker
HR assistant

In January 1863, President Lincoln declared that all slaves were henceforth and forever free. So states the Emancipation Proclamation.

The news did not arrive in Texas until June 1865, more than two years later.

African Americans started celebrating arrival of freedom's declaration that year, but they did not designate a definite date. Therefore, the observances always celebrated between June 13 and June 19. Hence, the celebration's name: Juneteenth.

Today, Juneteenth is a huge celebration observed throughout America.

Manhattan, Kan., this year will celebrate starting June 17 with a gospel fest. Several churches from the surrounding communities will perform at the Douglass

Park from 7 to 9 p.m.

June 18 will be the celebration's biggest day, including a parade from the Town Center mall to the Douglass Center. It starts at 11 a.m. The Emancipation Proclamation will be read, and the Negro National Anthem will be sung.

A fashion show, talent contest and band performance is scheduled, as well as a 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

The world famous Cobras from Kansas City will perform, and there will be lots and lots of different vendors selling ethnic food, dress wares and candles and painting faces.

It's not too late to sign up for the parade or to become a vendor. Non-profit vendors are free. Profit vendors will be charged a \$10 fee.

For more information, call 776-6195.



S. Walker

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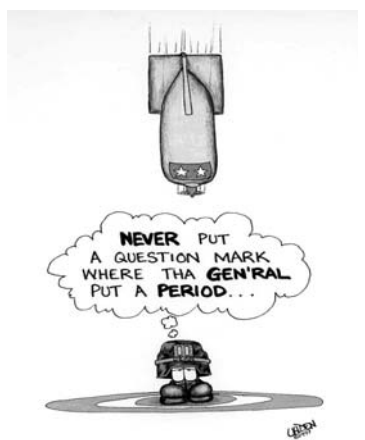
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Happy 230th birthday, U.S. Army

Above: Col. William Perkins (left center), 24th Infantry Division (Mech) chief of staff, and Pvt. Lorraine Leon of the 15th Personnel Services Battalion, representing Fort Riley's youngest Soldier, cut a cake celebrating the Army's 230th birthday as part of a ceremony on post June 14.

At right: Col. John Simpson (right), Fort Riley garrison commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble, set a wreath near the grave of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene, Kan., June 14 in honor of the Army's birthday.



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DoD delays personnel system launch

New system postponed to later in current fiscal year, officials announce

By Donna Miles
AFPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The first phase of the Defense Department's new National Security Personnel System has been adjusted slightly, to later in the fiscal year, NSPS officials said June 7.

The Defense Department will work with the Office of Personnel Management to adjust the proposed NSPS regulation based on public comments and the meet-and-confer process with employee representatives, according to Mary Lacey, NSPS program executive officer.

These revisions will be published in the Federal Register later this summer, and implementation of NSPS could begin 30 days after the publication.

However, officials stressed that the start date is event-driven and that implementing instructions must be in place and training must be under way before the system gets rolled out.

Officials had hoped to begin the first phase of the rollout, called Spiral One, July 1, but noted all along that the launch date could change.

"That (implementation) date is flexible, because we are not going

to implement it until we are ready," said Charles S. Abell, principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, last December.

NSPS officials said the labor relations part of the program is now expected to begin by September, followed by the performance management element of the human resources system early in fiscal 2006.

All civilian employees will receive the 2006 general pay increase before the pay-for-performance provisions of NSPS begin, officials said.

Spiral One, which will initially

affect 60,000 employees, will eventually include about 300,000 U.S.-based Army, Navy, Air Force and DoD-agency civilian employees and managers.

After that, the system will be introduced incrementally over the next two or three years until all 700,000 DoD civilian employees eligible for NSPS are included, officials said.

The system will be upgraded and improved as it goes forward, they said.

The National Security Personnel System is one of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's key initiatives designed to transform

DoD operations to better meet 21st-century needs.

It replaces a 50-year-old civilian personnel management system that had rewarded employees for longevity.

The new system incorporates a performance-based pay system in tandem with a restructuring of the civilian workforce to better support department missions.

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Support battalion changes commander

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Lt. Col. Chris McCurry assumed command of the 101st Forward Support Battalion at a change of command ceremony June 9 at Fort Riley.

He succeeds Lt. Col. Jimmie Mister Jr., who had commanded the battalion since June 2003. It was Mister's second tour of duty at the Army's Warfighting Center. As battalion commander, he led the 101st FSB through a yearlong deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

McCurry was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation as distinguished military

graduate from West Carolina University's ROTC program. He entered active duty as an ordnance officer. His first unit assignment was as an automotive platoon leader and shop officer with 595th Maintenance Company, 19th Support Command.

McCurry later served at Fort Hood, Texas, as a plans office with 13th Support Command and as a maintenance officer in the 544th Maintenance Battalion before assuming command of the 166th Ordnance Company, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

McCurry returned to the 544th Maint. Bn. for duty as its operations officer before moving on to

Fort Lee, Va., to become a planning factors officer with the Combined Arms Support Command.

Germany was to be McCurry's next port of call. He served as deputy logistics officer for the 1st Armored Division headquartered in Bad Kreuznach, and then moved to 47th Forward Support Battalion to become its support operations officer and ultimately its battalion executive officer.

After a year in Iraq, McCurry returned to the Combined Arms Support Command as chief of the Army distribution management team until he was reassigned to Fort Riley.

McCurry's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Ser-

vice Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. He also wears the Parachutist Badge.

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Lt. Col. David Batchelor is greeted by his wife and five children after a yearlong deployment to Iraq.

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At left: Katherine Patterson tries to help her dad, Spc. Glenn Patterson, carry his duffel bag home.

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One whole side of baby Alexis Elmer's carriage sported a sign welcoming home the daddy she hasn't really gotten to know. She was born just before her daddy, Sgt. Joshua Elmer of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., arrived home for a mid-tour rest and recuperation visit.

After hugs and kisses from his wife, Sara, his mother- and father-in-law, Jeanne and Randy Bridge-water of Edgerton, Kan., Elmer's arms wrapped around his daughter, hugging her tightly to his chest.

Tiny Alexis, however, showed more interest in the brightly colored leis of wrapped candy his family had hung around Elmer's neck.

After the quick reunion at the hangar, the family planned to head straight for the Elmer's home on Fort Riley for a cookout and a lot of family talk and getting

reconnected.

Melda Rodriguez started taking video pictures as the Soldiers walked past her into to form up in the middle of the hangar, but she very quickly moved the camera away from her face as her eyes filled with tears of joy at having her son, Sgt. Pete M. Rodriguez, home from Iraq. She had made the trip from her home in Texas to be in the hangar with his family when he arrived.

Signs also helped loved ones reunite. Some family members spotted their Soldiers standing in formation even before Col. William Perkins, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley chief of staff, told them to "scope out" their loved ones so they would know where to go. Perkins asked the Soldiers to stand in place until their families could reach them as quickly as possible.

Before he dismissed the Soldiers, Perkins commended the

members of Task Force 1-41. He praised them for what they had achieved during their year in Iraq.

The Soldiers found time to complete a number of goodwill and reconstruction projects, such as distributing toys and sporting equipment to children and food to the needy, when not conducting security missions, he said.

"You helped distribute critical supplies to hospitals and schools and provided security in tactical missions," Perkins said. "But the most important thing you did was you secured Sadr city in January ... so thousands and thousands of Iraqis could vote."

Everything the Soldiers of Task Force 1-41 did made an impact for spreading world democracy, Perkins said.

Task Force 1-41 deployed in June 2004 for its second tour of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. About 4,000 Fort Riley Soldiers are still in Iraq.

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Post pools host Family nights

Families can make a real splash and have lots of fun at the Custer Hill and Main Post pools' Family Fun Nights. Family Fun Night activities include swim, listening to music and frolicking on the giant inflatable obstacle course.

Family Fun Night costs \$5 per family and \$1 for each additional guest (passes not included).

Family Fun Nights will be: **June 24** - 8 to 10 p.m. at Custer Hill Pool

July 8 - 7 to 9 p.m. at Main Post Pool

July 22 - 8 to 10 p.m. at Custer Hill Pool

Aug. 5 - 7 to 9 p.m. at Main Post Pool

Aug. 19 - 8 to 10 p.m. at Custer Hill Pool

Golf course sponsors clinic

Custer Hill Golf Course on Fort Riley will sponsor a golf clinic at 5 p.m. June 23.

For more information, call the golf course at 784-6000.

YMCA offers scuba classes

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center is offering a two-day class teaching the fundamentals of scuba diving, including equipment needed and techniques. People who successfully complete the course and pass the test will receive their open water certification.

Classes will be July 8-10 at the Junction City YMCA. The \$250 registration fee includes instruction, books and pool time. Mask, fins and snorkel are not included.

Interested participants must sign up by July 1. For more information or to sign up, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2363.

Gymnasts offered camp

Child and Youth Services is offering three summer gymnastic camp sessions: July 18-22, July 25-29 and Aug. 1-5. Times, camper category and cost for the first camp are:

- 1-1:50 p.m., 3-5 years old, \$40

- 2-2:50 p.m., 6-9 years old and completed kindergarten through third grade, \$40

- 3-3:50 p.m., beginners 9 years and older, \$40

- 4-5:50 p.m., back hand-spring clinic, \$55

Times, camper category and cost for the second camp are:

- 1-1:50 p.m., 3-5 years old, \$40

- 2-2:50 p.m., 6-9 years old and completed kindergarten through third grade, \$40

- 3-3:50 p.m., beginners 9 years and older, \$40

- 4-5:50 p.m., back hand-spring clinic, \$55

Times, camper category and cost for the third camp are:

- 1-1:50 p.m., 3-5 years old, \$40

- 2-2:50 p.m., 6-9 years old and completed kindergarten through third grade, \$40

- 3-3:50 p.m., beginners 9 years and older, \$40

- 4-5:50 p.m., back hand-spring clinic, \$55

Campers must be registered with CYS, have a current sports physical and must sign up before the start of camp.

For more information, call 239-4847.

PSB, Cavalry battle

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

The start of game did not look promising for Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion. Less than five minutes before the game, they were two players short of fielding a team. The players showed up and Det. D went on to defeat Troop D, 4th Cavalry, 12-11 in company-level softball June 13.

At the bottom of the first, 15th

PSB tied 4th Cav. when Morgan Barnett hit an out-of-the-park homerun with a runner on base.

The 15th PSB players continued their offensive effort to pull ahead with an 11-6 lead at the bottom of the second.

The Cavalry rallied in the top of the fourth inning to come within one point of PSB. It also stifled PSB's offense in the fifth inning but failed to score more runs themselves before time ran out.

In other games June 13:

The 383rd Regt. defeated Co. B, 101st FSB, 15-9; MEDDAC defeated 383rd Regt., 15-4; and Co. B, 101st FSB, defeated 523rd MP Co., 14-2.

The 10th ASOS beat 1st Maint. Co., 17-5; 172nd Chem. Co. nudged past 10th ASOS, 13-12.

The 82nd Med. Co. defeated 172nd Chem. Co., 20-6 and Co. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 15-11. Co. A defeated 15th Finance, 12-11.

The 977th MPs beat Trp. D, 4th Cav., 22-2.



The 15th PSB shortstop, Timothy Hanson, prepares to throw the ball to first while 4th Cav.'s Christopher Raya runs to third base in company-level softball June 13.

Safe at first



Pitcher Randi Hamden watches as the throw to Co. B, 101st FSB, first baseman Jared Norton arrives to late to put out the speedy 1st Maint. Co. catcher, Jennifer Sarro.

Maintainers crush opponents

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Hard-hitting 1st Maintenance Company took advantage of sloppy fielding to defeat Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion, 20-3 on a wet softball field June 13.

The "visiting" Maintainers stepped to the plate first and crossed home plate five times in the bottom half of the first inning before FSB could stop them.

FSB looked like it might keep pace with the Maintainers in the bottom half of the first stanza. Two consecutive singles put runners on first and second. After two outs, a bobbled fly ball to short centerfield loaded the bases; but the next play caught

FSB's runner at home to quash any hopes of putting a point on the books.

The Maintainers' bats swung strong in the top half of the second inning, too, adding six more points before they retired.

Mixed signals in FSB's outfield and infield added to the "home" team's misery. The deep centerfielder missed a diving catch at a long ball early in the inning and a passed ball to the second baseman followed by a bad throw to first base in later plays helped the Maintainers advance on base and to score.

FSB's outfielders redeemed themselves with solid catches for two outs to end the Maintainers' second inning.

The Maintainers' defense dozed in the bottom of the inning, allowing FSB to

score when a bad throw from the pitcher got by the first baseman and their runner sprinted home from third. It was the only point FSB would make that inning, however.

An in-the-park homerun scored three more points for the Maintainers to open the third inning, but FSB responded with a score of their own.

The Maintainers went on another hitting spree to lead off the fourth inning, coming close to ending the game on the 20-run lead rule.

Any visiting team that leads by 20 points at the bottom of the fourth inning is automatically named winner. A normal game goes for seven innings or is called after one hour of play.

Purple poppy-mallow native to area

By Carla Hurlbert
Conservation Division

The perennial purple poppy-mallow (*Callirhoe involucrata*) belongs to the family Malvaceae. "Callirhoe" comes from the Greek *callirrhoeos*, meaning "beautiful flowing river," and "involucrate," referring to the whorl of bracts below the flower. It is also called purple mallow, low poppy-mallow or winecup. It grows throughout Kansas and is common on Fort Riley.

The purple poppy-mallow is native to Kansas and grows in the central and southern Great Plains. The attractive, spreading plant



Carla Hurlbert

blooms from April through August. The purple poppy-mallow's stems sprawl along the ground, arching upward to two feet with support. Rounded, hairy leaves are deeply lobed and cleft. The chalice-shaped, 11/2- to 2 1/2-inch-wide flowers have a white spot at the base of their five purplish-red petals.

Flowers grow alone or in small

groups on stalks up to four inches long. Flowers close in the evening, open in the morning and remain closed after pollination. The flowers give rise to a fruit consisting of rings of 15 to 25 beaked kidney-shaped segments. Each segment contains a single seed.

The purple poppy-mallow prefers the full sun and dry conditions, although a little shade and moister conditions are tolerated. In Kansas, this plant is often found in pastures or prairies, along roadsides and in open, disturbed areas where there are dry, rocky or sandy soils.

Purple poppy-mallow has a deep taproot and is resistant to drought. The winecup flowers are susceptible to rust during wet seasons in the Great Plains.

The foliage of the purple poppy-mallow is readily consumed by mammalian herbivores, including groundhogs, deer, rabbits and livestock. The taproot is edible and can be used as emergency food by humans, which means that it is probably edible to gophers and other small rodents as well.

The roots can be cooked and the leaves can be used to thicken soups. The Osage Indians dug the roots and stored them for use in the winter. It is said that the root tastes similar to a sweet potato.

The Lakota and Dakota Indians burned the dried roots and inhaled the smoke as a treatment for colds.

Athletes 'trek' across Kansas

11 complete walk/run/bike program

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

"Mile one done, mile two done, ... mile 400 done." Eleven of the 109 people who began the Walk/Run/Bike Across Kansas challenge at Fort Riley counted all the way to the finish.

The program allowed participants to complete 400 miles of walking, running or bicycling from March 1 to May 31. The free program required the participants to record the amount of miles they traveled on any machine in King Field House that records mileage output.

When the athletes finished their workouts, they would log the date, miles completed and equipment used. A King Field House employee would initial next to the entry for verification.

"It's really an honor system," said Fitness Program Manager Kim Miller. "The staff doesn't stand beside the machines and make sure they completed the distance they recorded."

Miller created the program in 2003. This was her third year coordinating the event. She said the program requires the participants to "travel" 400 miles because that is close to the actual distance across the state of Kansas.

The distance was measured from Ruliton to Kansas City, Kan. The 11 finishers needed to trek an average of 30.8 miles a week in order to complete the challenge in time.

Race finisher Karol Gray said she took a three-week vacation during the program and had to travel almost 10 miles a day when she returned to complete the challenge in time.

"I would have to complete so many miles on the treadmill and so many on the cross-trainer, because it started to get really hard on my knees," Gray said. "But like it says on the T-shirts we received, 'I did it.'"

Miller said the program may be offered again around December at King Field House.

"We like to do anything to encourage people to participate in a healthy lifestyle," Miller said.

Program finishers

Tammy Asher
Sherry Day
Donald Glover
Karol Gray
Kathy Klein
Roderick Laughman
Gerald Prante
Rob Ruskiewicz
Renee Satterlee
Gerlinde Wallenberg
Robin Warnke



Sports news in brief

Center sponsors fishing tourney

The Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center will sponsor a teen fishing tournament in June.

Teens ages 13 through 19 are invited to compete to win prizes for the largest fish by weight, largest fish by length and largest stringer of fish.

The tournament will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 25 at Moon Lake.

The entry fee is \$5 per teen. Prizes will be awarded at 2:30 p.m.

There is a two-fishing-poles limit per person.

Pre-registration for the teen tournament closes June 23.

To register, stop by the Outdoor Recreation Center or call 239-2363 for more information.

Rec Center staff plans canoe trip

The Outdoor Recreation Center staff will be offering three canoe trips this summer: June 18, July 30 and Aug. 20. Each trip will start at 9 a.m. and canoes will be home around 3 p.m.

Participants will float from the U.S. Highway 24 bridge to St. George.

The \$15 fee includes canoe, paddles, life vest and transportation to and from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

For more information or to register, call 239-2363.

Sports activities scheduled

June 20-24 – Fort Riley Battalion Level Tennis Tournament

June 20, 22 – 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Cardio Pump Aerobics

June 20, 23 – noon to 1 p.m., Fitness Yoga

June 21 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., PT Power Time

June 21 – 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Cardio Training Express I

June 21 – 9 to 10:30 a.m., Mommy & Me at the Main Post Pool

June 23 – 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Cardio Training Express II

Fridays – 7 to 10 p.m., open session roller skating, Riley Wheels Skating Rink at King Field House

Saturdays – 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m., open session roller skating (\$1.25 stay-over fee for second session), Riley Wheels Skating Rink at King Field House

Sundays – 2 to 4 p.m., family skate session, \$1 per family member, Riley Wheels Skating Rink at King Field House

For more information, call 239-2813.

Soccer camp slated on post

A staff including nationally licensed coaches and players with college and professional experience plans to conduct a soccer camp at Fort Riley July 11-15.

The All About Soccer camp will help players develop skills and confidence in the sport, said Frank Alonso, the local coordinator and one of the camp staff members.

The \$70 per player camp fee includes five days of camp from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Fort Riley soccer fields near Colyer Manor, a ball and a T-shirt.

For more information, call Alonso at (785) 341-6431 or visit www.youthsoccer.net/allaboutsoccer on the Web.

Bowling costs \$1 Wednesdays

On Wednesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. now through Aug. 31, Custer Hills Bowling Center will feature all types of dollar specials. Bowlers can buy a \$2 wristband and bowl for \$1 per game. They can rent shoes for \$1 and try some of the snack bar's food items for \$1.

For more information, call the bowling center at 239-4366.

Bowling camps planned on post

Two youth bowling camps are planned this summer at the Custer Hill Bowling Center on post. Each camp will be two weeks long and cost \$100 per person. Camps will be July 11-22, and Aug. 4-12.

For more information, call (785) 738-7104 or the Custer Hill Bowling Center at 239-4366.

Firearms range open for weekend

Fort Riley's Range 9 for privately owned firearms is open for use on weekends by authorized patrons. Confirmed open dates are June 18, 19 and 25, weather permitting. The range may be open other days or those confirmed dates may change. Anyone wanting to use the range should first check with Outdoor Rec at 239-2249 to confirm the range is open.

The range is usually open despite inclement weather. If the range is to be closed because of severe weather or extreme cold or heat, the range officer scheduled for duty will notify Range Control and Outdoor Recreation.

Military police man the gate to the range area and inspect for range pass and that all weapons have the proper Provost Marshal's Office registrations. The vehicle pass for the range can be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Firearms owners also can register weapons at the Outdoor Rec Center, although it is recommended owners take a list of their weapons and serial numbers they wish to shoot at Range 9 to the PMO's Physical Security Office. Staff in that office will issue the proper paper work once the process is completed.

All users of the POF Range must possess a valid Department of Defense ID card and a Fort Riley weapons registration form for their firearm. All users of the POF range must have a valid POV pass before driving north of Vinton School Road.

All shooters must bring their own hearing protection. No water is available at Range 9. Target stands and targets are available at no charge at Range 9.

Center offers shooting aid

The Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 9011 on Rifle Range Road, offers a Laser Shot Shooting Simulation System to help hunters improve their shooting. The system can be used for a rental fee of \$5 per person per hour or a group rate of \$15 per half hour or \$25 per hour.

Outdoor Rec is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 239-2363.

School offers summer training

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

A few Fort Riley Middle School students decided to spend part of their summer vacation getting up at 7:15 a.m. three days a week to increase their physical fitness.

Jimmy Goheen, an art teacher at the middle school, coaches the potential middle school athletes during a strength and conditioning program from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the school gym.

Conditioning sessions began June 6 and will run through July 21. The program is open to all incoming sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders and students can enroll at any time.

Goheen enlisted the help of student athlete volunteers from Junction City High School to help him improve the young athletes' agility, flexibility and strength.

The program's goal is to help the youngsters improve their physical condition, promote better overall wellness and "just give the students something to do over the summer break," Goheen said.

Rather than the typical stretching, each session begins with students performing various exercises, such as basic lunges and high-kneed jogs, to the half-court line. Once at the half-court line, they sprint to the opposite side of the gym.

"We do a different kind of stretching because most children don't stretch when you ask them to," Goheen said.

The class uses the school's upstairs weightlifting room after warming up. Once the students learn the technique and routine, they will start to play exercising games, Goheen said.

The students take part in various exercises using equipment in the weightlifting room. The class incorporates work with weights, dumbbells and bars, depending on the muscle groups being worked.

Courtney Shanklin, 16, is a volunteer varsity athlete from Junction City High School who helps instruct the program. Her favorite part of volunteering for the program is watching the students improve, she said.

"I like seeing the children improve. First they're struggling, then after conditioning they are happy," Shanklin said.



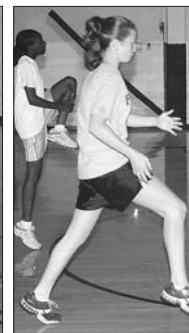
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Fort Riley Middle School students enrolled in the summer conditioning program perform an exercise with a weight bar June 9 as instructor Jimmy Goheen (far left) looks on.



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Richard Bragg sprints around a cone June 9 as part of the school's summer conditioning program.



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FRMS students Taylor Berry (left) and Kayla Shook perform strength and agility exercises.



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Triston Flagg lifts a weight bar. The middle school offers a morning conditioning program for its students.

Barry Zito pitches for wounded troops

By Rey Guzman
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Barry Zito's strikeouts are counting toward more than helping his team's chances of making a post-season run. They now stand to help war-wounded troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families.

Zito, 27, committed early in this year's major league baseball season to contribute \$100 per strikeout to help the wounded warriors being treated at military hospitals, such as Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital.

His Strikeouts for Troops program will raise money to subsidize the travel and lodging expenses of wounded Soldiers' families visiting the hospitals.

"I think it was my dad (who first) kind of thought of a way for other guys to get involved," Zito said. "There wasn't really anything out there that was what we were looking for. He wanted to give a

certain amount per strikeout to the troops that came back wounded and are recovering in the hospitals."

Zito, once a member of Oakland's now disbanded "Big Three" pitching rotation that included the Atlanta Braves' Tim Lincecum and St. Louis' Mark Mulder, said the urge to get involved also came from visiting wounded Soldiers receiving treatment at Walter Reed.

"The importance about it (Strikeouts for Troops) is it brings the comforts of home to these guys that are recovering," he said. "I went to visit a few guys at Walter Reed, and it was cool to see how important it was to them to have their families around."

Zito said the monetary contributions collected from the "Strikeouts for Troops" program will be used for more than just the travel expenses of Soldiers' families visiting the military hospitals. He said the funds will also go toward childcare costs for those families during their trips, and the fund's Web site says wounded troops will

receive clothing, meals and entertainment while receiving treatment in the hospitals.

"A lot of guys said that having family around is the best medicine they could be administered," he said.

Since the inception of the Strikeouts for Troops program, Zito has recruited other MLB stars for his fundraising efforts. Zito's former teammate Hudson, Boston's Curt Schilling and Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia have joined the ranks in support of the wounded troops, Zito said. Communication has been sent out to all 30 MLB teams through union representatives to recruit other players, pitchers and hitters alike, to join forces for his cause.

"Baseball and America are kind of synonymous," Zito said. "I think it's important that we are doing this because it's the national pastime, and it's you know apple pie and those grassroots things about this country. I think they're all a big part of what we enjoy on a daily basis, and I think more than anything people forget what these

guys are doing out there."

Zito said his connection to military life comes through his paternal grandfather, a former five-star general in the Italian army. The A's ace-hurler, however, attributed his desire to start the Strikeouts for Troops program to his pride and patriotism.

"I think it's just a pride of what we have," he said. "Baseball is such an integral part of America, and those guys fighting on the frontlines are the ones that are keeping America what it is, and the way it always has been. I think it's more about trying to pay (them) back."

Zito toured Fort Myer and Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on June 8 while visiting the nation's capital during a three-game inter-league series against the Washington Nationals. Zito had pitched the previous evening, but suffered a 2-1 loss due to a two-run home run off the bat of Washington's Nick Johnson. Zito struck out seven batters in that game, adding another \$700 to his contribution total.

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Flashback party set at Riley's

Parachute pants and Swatch watches popular in 1980 may be revived July 29 when Riley's Conference Center hosts a Retro Flashback Party. Doors will open at 9 p.m. and the music will play until 1 a.m.

Admission is \$5 per person and a cash bar will be available. Parties be 18 to attend and 21 to drink. For more information, call 784-1000.

Legion hosts poker run

The Ogden American Legion has planned a motorcycle poker run June 18. Participants must sign up at noon at the Ogden American Legion post. The run starts at 1 p.m.

An auction, dinner and music is planned after the run. The Ogden American Legion also hosts a Taco Night every Thursday. Families and friends are welcome. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tacos cost 50 cents each or three for \$1.

Students offered physicals

Team No. 3 at the Primary Care Clinic in Irwin Army Community Hospital will be conducting school, preschool and sports physicals for children ages 3 to 17 every Thursday throughout the summer.

This visit is for well children only. Parents should obtain the physical forms and complete their portion before the appointment. Immunizations will be provided if needed.

To schedule and appointment, call 239-DOCS (3627).

Programs plan pool party

The New Parent Support and the Exceptional Family Member Programs will be hosting their annual pool party from noon to 2 p.m. June 30 at Custer Hill pool for families currently enrolled in NSPP and EFMP.

Hotdogs, buns, chips and drinks will be provided. Families should bring swimwear, sunscreen and lawn chairs.

Those who wish to attend should RSVP by June 24. To RSVP, call 239-9435 at the Soldier Family Support Center.

Youth services activities set

June 17 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., fishing at Moon Lake, first through fifth grades

June 18 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., free child care for deployed Soldiers' families

June 21 - 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Rolling Hills Refuge Zoo trip, kindergarten

June 22 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., KSU Farm/Cico Park trip, first and second grades

June 23 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., Milford Lake Nature Center trip, third through fifth grades

June 24 - 1 to 5 p.m., Boney's Ice Cream/Sunset Park trip, first through fifth grades

For more information, call 239-9173.

Stay in Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

174 graduate on post

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Some 75 college graduates were recognized June 9 at Fort Riley's graduation ceremony at King Field House.

They were among the 174 students who had earned diplomas from various university and college programs offered through the edu-

cation division on post.

"I am very excited. It's just one more step, one more milestone out of the way. I'm going to continue on (with my education)," said Lei-Lani Leon Guerrero, who received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Upper Iowa University. "I hope to get my master's in social work from Washburn University. I want to be a social worker with the school district."

"I'm glad it's over, but I've still got two more years until I get my bachelor's," said Jeremiah Tajeron, who received his associate's degree in science from Barton County Community College.

"It feels great. It's been something I've been doing for over 28 years, trying to get this degree, and I finally got it. It feels wonderful,"

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Margo Sills (right) hugs her friend, Hope Topps, after the post graduation ceremony June 9. Post/Blackmon

Horse power



Riders await the start of a trail ride on post June 11. The ride, sponsored by the Fort Riley Riding Club, took them about nine miles across bluffs, through woods and down hilly ravines in the Colyer Manor, Moon Lake and Trooper Drive area.

Club organizes ride across Fort Riley

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The rain stopped, the clouds floated away and the sun shone on the Fort Riley Riding Club's trail ride June 11. The ride brought guests from as far away as Kentucky and Bonner Springs, Kan., though most of the 30-some riders that rode across the bluffs, through the woods around Moon Lake and through the "cuts" near Trooper Drive were club members.

"We had a lot of calls from interested riders," said ride coordinator and trail boss Chris Moravec, but the rain that morning had probably discouraged some from coming. Eight guests had registered for the planned 11 a.m. ride by 10 a.m. that Saturday.

Kay Johnson, former manager at the club's stable on Fort Riley and now a Fort Knox, Ky., resident, traveled the farthest to make the ride. She brought friends she picked up along the way and had six riders in her party.

The trail covered about nine miles of varied terrain that offered riders great views of the post and surrounding regions,

said Club President John Cotton before the riders started about a half hour behind schedule. Cotton later told the riders that all proceeds from the trail ride would be given to the Wounded Soldiers Outreach Support group at Fort Riley.

Mike Barbarich of Bonner Springs grinned a little sheepishly before the ride, saying he was "going to try it." He had borrowed a horse from a club member because he doesn't ride. His wife, Shirley, owns a horse, however, and does ride. Besides the ride, the event included a barbecue at the end of the ride, a late afternoon trick pony show and an early evening of trail and cowboy songs by the Sons of the Konza Prairie.

The barbecue included the traditional hamburgers and hotdogs, potato salad, watermelon and a birthday cake. Club member Mitch Dodd celebrated his 50th birthday by making the ride.

The riding club serves 42 members, some 20 families, Moravec said. Members stable more than 50 horses in the club's facility near Infantry Parade Field south of Trooper Drive. Active duty families wishing to join get first consideration when

vacancies occur, she said, but the club's membership is full at present. Some members are connected to the military but live off-post.



Post/Heronemus
Trainer Jerry Miller has his miniature stallion, Rascal, rear on its hind legs while telling trail riders what they shouldn't teach their horses to do.

HASFR to host 'field day'

Society plans archeological dig June 18

By Scott Hall
HASFR archeologist

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley plans to dig for history June 18 at a site on post.

Non-members may participate in the society's first archeological field day from 8 a.m. to noon.

The day begins with a brief classroom session in the Conservation and Restoration Branch office, Building 1020 on Huebner Road, to discuss archeology method and theory.

The group will then move to archeological site along Williston Point Road, where they will try to uncover new artifacts that could answer questions about the prehistoric inhabitants of Fort Riley.

When the site was discovered some years ago, archeologists conducting the survey found pottery and stone tools.

Participants should wear comfortable clothes that they don't mind getting dirty.

All children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

People on the dig will be asked to car pool to the site because parking will be somewhat limited.

Diggers also should bring sunscreen and other sun protection, such as a hat and long-sleeved shirt, insect repellent and a pair of leather or cotton gloves.

Some items will be provided for those who forget to bring what is needed, but items are limited.

We will meet at 8 a.m. at the Conservation and Restoration Branch office, Building 1020 on Huebner Road.

Marriage and Military Life

Spouse left home alone with children

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka
Retired Navy Chaplain

Dear Gene-Thomas,

My husband spends too much time with his buddies and leaves me at home to take care of our two children. Because I work during the day, I really need him to help with the kids and share more of the household chores.

He said that if I keep "nagging" him, he's going to file for a divorce. I certainly don't want a divorce, but I'm not at all happy with the way things are going. What should I do?

—Patrice

Dear Patrice,
A Sailor I knew years ago was

in a similar situation. After being married about six years, he found himself hanging out more and more often with friends, almost all of whom were divorced.

What started out as one night out a week with the guys turned into two, three and sometimes even four nights out a week. While his wife recognized his need for "male bonding," this was now getting out of control and harming his relationship with her and their daughter.

Tired of being confronted time and time again by his wife, the Sailor decided one day to speak with a lawyer about getting a divorce.

Rather than encouraging the Sailor to first consider counseling, and eager to make some money on

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Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaintec.net



processing the case, the lawyer requested a down payment of \$1,500. The lawyer assured the Sailor that his ability to have him assessed low child support and alimony payments by the court would more than make up for any and all legal fees involved.

When the Sailor informed me of his decision to divorce his wife,

whom I had met earlier with him at a command function, I asked him to stop by my office to chat about this very important decision. When he said that I was wasting my time because he had already put out \$1,500 for a lawyer, I asked him if his entire life and happiness was only worth that amount. He got the point and

promised to stop by for a visit.

Before his appointment, I had a chance to speak with his wife to gain her perspective and ascertain what was going on in their relationship.

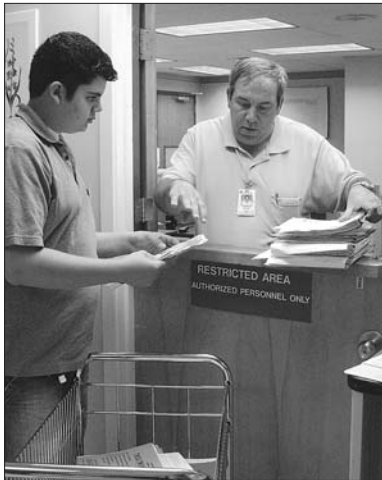
When the Sailor arrived and we discussed his six-year marriage, it became clear that, apart from his spending an inordinate amount of time with his friends and leaving his wife alone to take care of their daughter, they actually had a very good marriage.

In the course of the counseling, I asked him, "What will you do when all your buddies remarry and their second wives will not allow them to go out with you like you've been going out on your

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Post/Baker
Ryan Alvarez (left) drops off records to Steven Thompson, a volunteer correspondence clerk at IACH.

Youth volunteer during summer

By Jay Baker

Public affairs intern

Summertime marks the end of the school year, the beginning of vacations and for some young adults at Fort Riley, work.

Several high school students are participating in the American Red Cross Summer Youth Program on post. The program offers volunteer opportunities at several locations, including many at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Jessica Cameron, a high school junior and Ryan Alvarez, a freshman, plan to volunteer more than 300 hours each this summer and to compete for the honor of being top volunteer in the summer program.

The two began working at IACH a week after school ended and said they would rather be working than being at home unoccupied.

"I volunteered 360 hours last year, working about 30 to 40 hours a week," Cameron said.

If Cameron completes her vol-

unteer hours this summer, she will have an opportunity to compete for the title of Red Cross top volunteer and be eligible for a national Red Cross scholarship and the President's Award scholarship, she said.

Cameron said she plans to be a doctor and earning a scholarship and volunteering more than 1,000 hours of work at the hospital throughout her four years of high school should help her. "I volunteer because I like to help people," she said.

Alvarez, who wants to attend medical school, also is on his second all-summer volunteer assignment at the hospital.

While other high school students are camping, swimming or just hanging out, Alvarez and Cameron are planning for their long-term future.

Cameron pursues many interests throughout the year. She is in the band and choir, runs track and cross country and plays softball. Alvarez said he spends his time helping his mother working at home.



Post/Baker
Jessica Cameron volunteers at the patient records desk at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Irwin's nurse line reducing ER visits

By Jan Clark

IACH

Increasing use of Irwin Army Community Hospital's Nurse Advice Line is beginning to reduce patient load in the hospital's emergency room, hospital officials claim.

The advice line averages 38 calls a day with the average call taking nine minutes.

March calls diverted 45 patients from going to the emergency room. Sixty-seven potential emergency room patients were diverted in April and 145 were served without going to the emergency room in May.

IACH launched the Nurse Advice Line March 8 with registered nurses answering calls and

assessing symptoms to determine if and when a caller should see a health care provider.

If the nurse determines a caller needs to be seen, an appointment will be scheduled. If the caller does not need to see a doctor, the nurse will recommend self-care measures to manage his or her symptoms.

The advice nurses also provide health information regarding diseases, medical procedures, medication usage and side effects. They can give care advice for managing an illness or problem at home.

Since the Nurse Advice Line began taking calls, advice nurses have noted several repeat callers who have had questions and concerns. Some callers who scheduled an appointment and received

self-care instructions find they no longer need an appointment, they reported.

The nurses have assisted new mothers with concerns about feeding, umbilical cords, cough and cold symptoms, vomiting and diarrhea. They have fielded calls for school age children and adults suffering with colds, vomiting and diarrhea, as well as "pink eye."

The advice nurses have triaged abdominal, flank and chest pain, medication reactions and skin disorders and have dispatched Emergency Medical Services when needed.

This new service should not be confused with the TriCare Health Information Line that provides military beneficiaries with health care advice.

Nurse Line

The Nurse Advice Line is available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Call 239-DOCS (3627) or (888) 239-DOCS (3627) and follow the automated instructions.

If the line is busy, leave a brief message on the voice mail. Include your name, phone number and the nature of your call. Speak slowly and clearly so the nurse has the information needed to return the call.

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Post childcare offers openings

The Fort Riley Child Development Center has full-day and part-day preschool slots open. For registration information, call 239-4847.

Societ wants ghost stories

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is hunting for new Fort Riley ghost stories to include in its third book.

Anyone who has a "ghost story" to tell should contact a member of the society. If the story is "spooky" enough, it might be included on the popular annual Ghost Tours.

The third book will also feature a "bat story" section. Only the best ones will make the cut.

The deadline for submitting stories is June 22.

Stories should be e-mailed to hasfrevents@hotmail.com or mailed to HASFR, c/o Cavalry Museum, Building 500, Huebner Road, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

Support Center posts activities

June 17 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Army Family Team Building classes

June 23 and 24 – Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

June 24 – 8:30 a.m. to noon, Spouse Orientation

June 27 – Noon to 3 p.m., Spouse Activity Day

For more information, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

Junction City band to play

The Junction City Community Band will present a concert at 7 p.m. June 17 on the lawn outside the U.S. Cavalry Museum on Main Post.

Compositions tentatively planned for the concert include "National Emblem March," "Gallant Men March," "Military Escort March," "Armed Forces Salute," "God Bless America," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Shenandoah," "The Original Thirteen Concert March" and "America the Beautiful."

The Junction City Community Band is comprised of students from Junction City and Fort Riley who have completed the eighth grade recommended by their respective band directors and adults who are already accomplished players or haven't played in several years and want to re-acquire skills.

Crafts center classes posted

June 18 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3-D buildings in glass

June 19 – 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together

June 20 – 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross-stitch

June 20 – Beginning sewing (multi-session class)

June 20 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood safety

June 20, 21 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., introduction to stained glass (multi-session class)

June 21 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., mold pouring

June 21 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class (patio furniture, picnic tables, flower boxes, benches)

June 21 – 6 to 9 p.m., matting and framing

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Teen Center activities slated

June 17 – Game room tournaments

June 18 – KC Royals game

June 24 – Skating

June 25 – Topeka Zoo trip

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Youth have 'GREAT' time at camp

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

Seventy-one kids at Fort Riley had a great time learning about gangs this month.

"We learned what can happen if you join a gang," said Mitchell Emerson, who will be a seventh-grader at Fort Riley Middle School next fall.

"You could get killed. It affects your family, your whole life," he added.

That wasn't what was so great about the Gang Resistance Educa-

tion and Training camp June 6-10, however. It was all the fun activities planned around the lessons about avoiding gangs the Junction City Community Involvement Unit police officers and military policemen at Fort Riley taught.

Activities during the week included some team building events, archery, paintball target shooting and a visit to the Milford Nature Center.

The camp staff invited students in fifth and sixth grades to attend the camps. Post residents mostly attend the one at Fort Riley — this

year was the seventh consecutive year the camp was offered. Soldiers of the 523rd Military Police Detachment and members of the 1st Battalion, 109th Field Artillery (Military Police Provisional), Montana National Guard, helped with the camp on post.

Another camp in Junction City June 13-17 gets mostly Junction City residents, said Officer David Rhodes of the city's CIU. Rhodes said he also uses Junction City High School students as team leaders for both camps.

Emerson attended the camp

last year and said he was eager to attend this year. He and other campers said they were disappointed that the rain had cancelled all their swimming pool activities, but they still had fun.

"I got to go fishing," said Jessica Leathers, a student at Fort Riley Middle School, "but I didn't catch anything." She had more fun, she said, shooting off rockets.

Her team placed second for building the tallest tower using marshmallows and straight pieces of spaghetti.

Most of the lessons taught

about gangs reinforced what Leathers learned in school last year, she said.

Gregory "Rory" Haug, who graduated from fifth grade at Fort Riley Elementary School this year, said he learned what a gang "looks like" and how to resist getting involved with gangs.

When he wasn't learning about gangs, Haug said the most fun he had was shooting paintball targets, although that was tamer than what he was used to doing with paintball guns. "I've played the real thing before," he said.

'Statues of Servicemen' program immortalizes fallen Soldiers

By Steven Donald Smith

AFPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A nationwide project is under way to pay lasting tribute to fallen servicemembers in their hometowns.

The Statues of Servicemen campaign is an effort to immortalize every American servicemember killed in the war on terrorism by creating a bronze statue of their likenesses.

"These statues will be placed in (hometown) city and town halls and government buildings throughout the United States to memorialize the brave men and women who have given their lives in the war on terror," said Sam Pat-

terson, national SOS project director.

The organization began in March 2004 as Survivors of Servicemen with the goal of bringing attention to the trauma inflicted on the families of those killed and to highlight the financial distress faced by many military families.

The group began selling "Wear Camo" wristbands to raise money for families who lost loved ones. The wristbands were so successful that they decided to use the proceeds to fund the statue campaign, Patterson said.

The first statue was unveiled in Shelbyville, Tenn., on April 22 with the bust of Marine Corps Pfc. Daniel McClenney. He was killed on June 24, 2004, when his unit

was ambushed while patrolling Afghanistan's mountainous Konar province.

The ceremony took place at the Shelbyville Court House, where the Nashville Marine Corps Reserve unit provided a 21-gun salute and McClenney was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

McClenney's commanding officer, Lt. Col. Julian D. Alford, presented the medal to McClenney's father, Randy McClenney.

"His life was lived as an example of decency, and his death a costly price for freedom," Alford said. "His fellow Marines continue to feel his absence, and they will never be the same. But they are more committed to the causes of liberty."

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wife these past months?"

In addition to giving him a few things to think about, I also gave him the Marriage and Military Life inventory to take home and complete with his wife. I later learned they stayed up that night completing and discussing the inventory statements until the early morning hours.

When the sun rose, he decided that it was better to throw \$1,500 away than to give up two people who were worth far more. In time, he and his wife had two more children. Today, they have a very strong and loving marriage.

I share this story with you to illustrate how an intervention such as the one described above

can have long-term consequences in our lives, and how many marital problems can be resolved with professional help.

Consequently, if you can't get through to your husband on your own about behavior that you and most wives would find intolerable, then you may consider an intervention on the part of a chaplain, counselor or clergy person.

Such a professional, particularly aided by the results of inventories such as Marriage and Military Life, can help you assess your strengths and weakness, appraise your expectations, and assist you in making some critically important decisions about the future of your relationship.





Community news briefly

Library opens pages on fun

Children from 2 years old to second grade are invited to a storytime, snack and a take-home craft at 1:30 p.m. every Saturday.

Children from third grade through eighth grade are invited to a "brown bag story" at noon on Saturdays. Listeners at the "brown bag" noon storytime should bring a sack lunch to eat during the story.

The "brown bag" storytime will feature "Surviving the Appleswhites" by Stephanie S. Tolan. "Surviving the Appleswhites" is the hilarious story of a young boy who finds acceptance with his artistic but eccentric new foster family. Listeners should bring their lunch to eat

during the story. Drinks will be provided.

The 1:30 storytimes in June feature books about June bugs, fireflies and butterflies.

On June 18, listeners should bring their favorite guy along to hear "What Dads Can't Do," by Douglas Wood. Father can do many wonderful things, but they can't do without their children's help.

Then see how a cricket learns that each creature is beautiful in its own way with "I Wish I Were a Butterfly" by James Howe on June 25.

The Post Library is located on Custer Hill in Building 5306. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 pm on Sundays. The library is closed on Mondays. For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

Students win scholarships

Commissaries give college aid through Military Children program

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Three Fort Riley-connected youth are among 500 students picked to receive \$1,500 college scholarships.

Mark Derby, Fort Riley commissary store director, announced Kara Gruber of Hope, Kan.; Christopher Briedenstein of Milford, Kan.; and David Lachut of Junction City, as local scholarship recipients.

The financial aid awarded through the Scholarship for Military Children program, can be used to defray costs of tuition at any college the student decide to attend this fall.

"We're excited to report that the



Kara Gruber

scholarship program continues to be a success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Defense Commissary Agency Chief Executive Officer Patrick Nixon.

"We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded nearly \$4 million to over 3,000 students since its inception in 2001," he said.

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects



Christopher Briedenstein

the winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their submitted essays. Recipients are notified

by letter.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that provide support for commissaries worldwide.

The program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a non-



David Lachut

profit organization responsible for building 600 Fort homes near military medical centers.

The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every donated dol-

lar goes for scholarships.

The public has the opportunity to donate to the program through the militaryscholar.org Web site.

Information provided by the Fort Riley Commissary staff.

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said Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble, who received his bachelor's degree in social science from Upper Iowa University. "Here in the next few weeks, I'm going to start on my master's degree."

Commencement speaker Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, said he was proud of the graduates' accomplishments.

"I commend you today. I congratulate you on your accomplishments," Hardy said. "Knowledge indeed is a wonderful thing ... and you are making yourselves more capable for the future."

Central Michigan University

awarded seven master of science diplomas.

Upper Iowa University awarded 1 master of business administration degrees and 32 bachelor of science degrees to its 147th graduating class. Barton County Community College awarded 113 associate's degrees. Kansas State University awarded one master of science degree, 16 bachelor's degrees and one associate's degree.

Ourp University International awarded one master's degree; Excelsior College bestowed one bachelor's degree; and Coastline Community College awarded one associate's degree.

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Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

The Barlow Theater doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under age 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

June 18 – 6 p.m., Herby Fully Loaded (G) This is a premier showing from the Distributors. Tickets are available at all PX facilities. The doors will be open to the general public 15 minutes prior to movie time.

June 18, 23 – XXX: State Of The Union (PG-13)

June 19 – House of Wax (R)

June 24, 30 – Monster in Law (PG-13)

June 25 – Kingdom of Heaven (R)

June 26 – Unleashed (R)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Manhattan:

What: Great Plains Chau-tauqua. From Sea to Shining Sea: American Expansion and Cultural Change, 1790-1850.

When: Through June 21

Where: City Park and selected other locations

Phone: (785) 776-8829 or (800) 759-0134

Admission: Free

What: Juneteenth Community Festival. Celebrating the history of Juneteenth.

When: All day through June 18

Where: 901 Yuma, Douglass Community Park

Phone: (785) 776-0244

Admission: Free

What: Chuck Wagon Breakfast on the River. An authentic 1800s-era Chuck Wagon Breakfast on the River where Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea and Tecumseh, traders, packers, trackers, scouts, Native American Indians, explorers, pioneers, river rats and scallywags might feel right at home with today's canoeists, hunters, fishermen, hikers, environmentalists and other folks in boots and jeans.

When: 8 a.m. June 20

Where: Blue River Recreation Area, U.S. Highway 24, southwest of the bridge.

Cost: \$8 per plate, \$5 for students and kids. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Lawrence:

What: Wakarusa Music and Camping Festival. A three-day music and camping festival with more than 50 national acts on three stages.

This year a family stage has been added with music workshops for the kids.

This festival features music, arts and crafts and all the available recreational activities that Clinton Lake has to offer, including canoe rental, hiking and disc golf.

When: Gates open daily at noon through June 19

Where: 798 N. 1415 Road, Clinton Lake State Park

Phone: (785) 842-9252

Admission: \$79-\$119

Council Grove:

What: Arts and Crafts Show. The 23rd annual arts and crafts show with over 80 artists representing many states, cultures, and art venues.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 18 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 19

Where: 129 Hockday, high school

Phone: (620) 767-5882 or (800) 732-9211

Admission: Varies



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Hundreds of thousands of fans attend Country Stampede each year to listen to music stars perform on the big stage.

Country music weekend nears

Annual Country Stampede set for end of June at Tuttle Creek State Park

Staff report

Country music fans historically charge through the gates of the annual Affiliated Foods Midwest Country Stampede at Tuttle Creek State Park the end of June, and this year's star-studded line-up of music industry headliners is expected to bring the fans out in droves again.

The 10th annual country music party June 23-26 booked Montgomery Gentry, Keith Urban, SheDaisy, Sawyer Brown, Big & Rich, Lonestar and ZZ Top, among other artists. Performances spread over the four days beginning at 4:30 p.m. June 23, at noon June 24 and 25 and at 12:30 p.m.

June 26.

Performers will be live on stage, but even with a crowd like last year's 140,000 fans, everyone can see their favorite performers bigger than life, thanks to the giant video screen provided by "94 Country" radio.

Military fans get a price break on tickets for the June 23 kickoff party and for the final day of the concert. Admission is free June 23 for anyone showing and active duty or retiree ID card. Military ID card holders pay \$15 at the gate July 26.

For more ticket information, visit the Country Stampede Web site or call (785) 539-2222.

On stage June 23 will be the Drew Davis Band at 6 p.m., Sug-

erland at 7:30 p.m. and Phil Vassar at 9:30 p.m.

On stage June 24 will be Shevy Smith at noon, Keni Thomas at 1:30 p.m., Cross Canadian Ragweed at 3 p.m., Billy Currington at 5 p.m., Montgomery Gentry at 7:15 p.m. and Keith Urban at 9:30 p.m.

On stage June 25 will be Heather Shelley at noon, Shelly Fairchild at 1 p.m., SheDAISY at 3 p.m., Dierks Bentley at 5 p.m., Sawyer Brown at 7:15 p.m. and Big & Rich at 9:30 p.m.

On stage June 26 will be Lane Turner at 12:30 p.m., George Canyon at 2 p.m., Chely Wright at 4 p.m., Lonestar at 6 p.m. and ZZ Top at 8 p.m.



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Country Stampede fans take a moment to pose for the camera. More than 140,000 people attend the four-day concert.

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Council Grove celebrates Wah Shun Gah Days 2005

Staff report

Council Grove celebrates Wah Shun Gah Days 2005 June 17-19 with music, an Indian pow wow, a special arena show, a carnival and a variety of events ranging from the Fort Riley Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard performance and encampment to a car show.

The festival includes a flea market, arts and crafts fair, parade and the Flinthearts Antique Power Association antique tractor show.

Hands of Glory from Ottawa, Kan., will grace the Main Street tent stage with sign language interpretations to Christian Songs June 19.

Heather Shelley and the Country Fever Band appear June 18 from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Council Grove High School stadium. Shelley has been the guest lead vocalist for the band the past two years. She was named "The Best New Act in Country Music" at the Colgate Country Showdown National Finals at Epot Center in 2004.

The Kaw International Pow Wow and Kaw Mission events begin at 5 p.m. June 17.

All activities require a Wah Shun Gah Days button for admission. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$1 for children.

For more information, call (620) 767-5413.

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